

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3180
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2001
MODERNISATION OF TUTICORIN AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) being set up at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Government of Tamil Nadu for modernisation of Tuticorin airport in order to operate flights to cope up with the demand made by the State Government under the SEZ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- Government of Tamil Nadu had informed that Tuticorin was being developed as a major container terminal and requested for extension of runway to facilitate air services to Maldives, Colombo and Chennai via Madurai. The State Government has been informed that there is no proposal to upgrade runway and other facilities at Tuticorin airport, at present, as no airline has shown willingness to operate from Tuticorin airport.